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SUBJ: QADDAFI AND THE PDRY

1. DURING JUNE 15 MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER ASNAG EXPRESSED "SATISFACTION" OVER RECENT RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN QADDAFI AND PDRY. ASNAG NOTED THAT THIS "STRANGE" RELATIONSHIP SHOULD FINALLY AWAKEN THE SAUDIS AND THE OTHER MODERATE GOVERNMENTS IN THE PENINSULA TO THE REAL DANGER TO THEM FROM PDRY. HE ALSO HOPED THAT EGYPT NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT ITS RECENT EFFORTS TO WEAN PDRY AWAY FROM EXTREMISM HAVE ONLY SERVED TO STRENGTHEN RATHER THAN TO WEAKEN THE RADICAL ELEMENTS THERE. ASNAG SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN WARNING
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SAUDIS OF THE LIBYAN THREAT EVER SINCE HE FIRST

LEARNED OF LIBYA'S AIR ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PDRY. (SEE SANA 1307) THE SAUDIS HAVE NOT SEEMINGLY BEEN CONCERNED. ASNAG CONCLUDED THAT WITH LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER JALLOUD'S RECENT CALL TO TURN THE PERSIAN GULF INTO A NEW SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE ARABS IN THE PENINSULA SHOULD FINALLY REALIZE THE THREAT WHICH THEY FACE FROM ADEN BACKED WITH LIBYAN FUNDS.

2. COMMENT: ASNAG HAS NEVER BEEN CONVINCED THAT PDRY WOULD EVER CHANGE ITS POLITICAL ORIENTATION IF IT COULD FIND SOMEONE, WHO WOULD ASK NO QUESTIONS, TO FOOT ITS BILLS. IT IS IRONICAL, INDEED, THAT KORANIC QADDAFI HAS NOW APPEARED ON HIS WHITE CHARGER AS THE SAVIOR OF MARXIST PDRY, BUT PERHAPS NOT SURPRISING AS THE EXTREME LEFT AND THE EXTREME RIGHT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN READY TO COOPERATE AGAINST THE CENTER.
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